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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 May 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-15 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,8-15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. **Claims 1-6, 8, 12-15, and 18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Smith (US PG PUB # US 2002/0042277 A1)** herein after referred as **Smith** as applied to

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claims above, and further in view of **Zonoun (WIPO # WO 02/33897 A2)** herein after referred as **Zonoun**.

4. **Regarding claim 1, Smith** discloses a method of subscriber information service center which reads on a method of obtaining location information for emergency services comprising the steps of:

receiving a first request message from the multimedia in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) **Smith: Fig 6:85 & paragraph 0045);**

communicating a location request in response to receiving the first request message **(Smith: Fig 6:87, 88 & paragraph 0046);**

receiving a location response in response to communicating the location request **(Smith: Fig 6:89, 91, 92 & paragraph 0047 lines [1-14])** , the location response comprising location information of the UE **(Smith: Fig 6:89, 91, 92 & paragraph 0046);** and

communicating a second request message to the multimedia server in response to receiving the location response **(Smith: Fig 6:93, 94 & paragraph 0047 lines [14-19]).**

However, Smith fails to disclose receiving a first request message from the multimedia server **(Smith: Fig 6:85 & paragraph 0045)** in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE). **However, the examiner** maintains that it was well known in the art to provide receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun (Zonoun: Fig 2 – 8 and page 8 lines [10-25] discloses**

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UE sending request using SIP protocol/H.323 to multimedia server).

5. In a similar field of endeavor **Zonoun** discloses a Sending an emergency indication over a packet based network. In addition, **Zonoun** discloses receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE).

6. **Therefore**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Smith** by specifically providing receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun**, for the purpose of providing faster response in emergency situation (**Zonoun: page 2 lines [1-6]**).

7. **Regarding claim 2, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above wherein the multimedia server is a serving control session control function server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61 & Fig 6 describes SISC server which handles serving control and session control functionality**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

8. **Regarding claim 3, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above wherein the multimedia server is a Session Initiation Protocol enabled server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61 & Fig 6 describes multimedia server is SIP enabled server**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

9. **Regarding claim 4, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above

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wherein the method is performed at session initiation (**Smith: Fig 6 & paragraph 0049 lines [28-32]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

10. **Regarding claim 5, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above, wherein the first request is a Session Initiation Protocol INVITE request message (**Smith: Fig 6, paragraph 0047 lines [7-8] & paragraph 0049 lines [28-32]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

11. **Regarding claim 6, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above, wherein the location request is a mobile terminal location request (**Smith: Fig 6: 85 & paragraph 0043 lines[4-8]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

12. **Regarding claim 8, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 1 as above, wherein the second request is a Session Initiation Protocol INVITE request message (**Smith: Fig 6, paragraph 0047 lines [13-14]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 1.

13. **Regarding claim 12, Smith** discloses a method of obtaining location information for emergency services comprising the steps of:

receiving a first request message from a multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 2:27 & paragraph 0023**) in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) (**Smith: Fig 2:27 & paragraph 0023, Fig 6:85 & paragraph 0045**);
communicating a request for routing information in response to receiving the first request

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message (**Smith: Fig 2: 28 & 3: 36**);

receiving a routing information acknowledgement in response to communicating the request for routing information (**Smith: Fig 2:32 paragraph 0025 lines [1-4]**), the routing information acknowledgement comprising at least a one of location information of the UE and routing information associated with the UE enabling a request for location information of the UE (**Smith: Fig 2:32 & paragraph 0025 lines [1-4] discloses geographic location information**); and

communicating a second request message to the multimedia server in response to receiving the request for routing information acknowledgement (**Smith: Fig 2:33 & paragraph 0025 lines [4-13]**). However, **Smith** fails to disclose receiving a first request message from a multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 2:27 & paragraph 0023**) in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE). **However, the examiner** maintains that it was well known in the art to provide receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun (Zonoun: Fig 2 – 8 and page 8 lines [10-25] discloses UE sending request using SIP protocol/H.323 to multimedia server)**.

14. In a similar field of endeavor **Zonoun** discloses a Sending an emergency indication over a packet based network. In addition, **Zonoun** discloses receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE).

15. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Smith** by specifically providing receiving a first request message

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from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun**, for the purpose of providing faster response in emergency situation (**Zonoun: page 2 lines [1-6]**).

16. **Regarding claim 13, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 12 as above, wherein the multimedia server is a serving control session control function server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61 & Fig 6 describes SISC server which handles serving control and session control functionality**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 12.

17. **Regarding claim 14, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 12 as above, wherein the multimedia server is a Session Initiation Protocol enabled server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61 & Fig 6 describes multimedia server is SIP enabled server**) . This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 12.

18. **Regarding claim 15, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 12 as above, wherein the first request is a Session Initiation Protocol INVITE request message (**Smith: Fig 6, paragraph 0047 lines [7-8] & paragraph 0049 lines [28-32]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 12.

19. **Regarding claim 18, Smith in view of Zonoun** discloses everything in claim 12 as above, wherein the second request is an INVITE request message (**Smith: Fig 6, paragraph 0047 lines [13-14]**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 12.

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20. **Claims 9-11** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Smith** in view of **Zonoun** and further in view of **Takeda et al (US Patent # US 7,286,520 B2)** herein after referred as **Takeda**.

21. **Regarding claim 9, Smith** discloses a communication system comprising:
a multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61**) for receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) and, in response thereto, generating a first request message;
a location application server (**Smith: Fig 5: 67**) communicatively coupled to the multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 5:61 is communicatively coupled to 67**) for receiving the first request message and generating a one of a location request and a routing information request;
a gateway server (**Smith: Fig 5:66 & paragraph 0041 describes MGW**) communicatively coupled to the location application server (**Smith: Fig 5: 67 is communicatively coupled to 66**) for receiving a one of the location request and the routing information request, and for generating an acknowledgement response comprising at least a one of location information of the UE and routing information associated with the UE enabling a request for location information of the UE; and
wherein the location application server is operable for receiving the acknowledgement response and for communicating at least a one of the location information and the routing information to the multimedia server (**Examiner interprets this underlined section of amended claim as intended use of system claimed which is not given patentable weight**). However, **Smith** fails to disclose a multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61**) for receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) and, in response thereto, generating a first request message, and

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receiving a first request message from the a multimedia server (**Smith: Fig 6:85 & paragraph 0045**) in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE). **However, the examiner** maintains that it was well known in the art to provide receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun (Zonoun: Fig 2 – 8 and page 8 lines [10-25] discloses UE sending request using SIP protocol/H.323 to multimedia server).**

22. **In** a similar field of endeavor **Zonoun** discloses a Sending an emergency indication over a packet based network. In addition, **Zonoun** discloses receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE).

23. **Therefore**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Smith** by specifically providing receiving a first request message from the multimedia server in response to the multimedia server receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) as taught by **Zonoun**, for the purpose of providing faster response in emergency situation (**Zonoun: page 2 lines [1-6]**).

24. **However, Smith** in view of **Zonoun** only briefly discloses use of SIP protocol, **However**, the examiner maintains that it was well known in the art to provide SIP protocol details such as a multimedia server (**Takeda: Fig 20: 40**) for receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) and, in response thereto, generating a first request message as taught by **Takeda (Takeda: Fig 20: 201A, 201, 202 & 202A).**

25. **In** a similar field of endeavor **Takeda** discloses a Mobile terminal equipment and packet

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communication method between terminals. In addition, **Takeda** discloses receiving a multimedia server for receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) and, in response thereto, generating a first request message.

26. **Therefore**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Smith** in view of **Zonoun** by specifically providing a multimedia server for receiving an emergency request message from user equipment (UE) and, in response thereto, generating a first request message as taught by **Takeda**, for the purpose of shortened transfer delay time of data packets on a mobile IP communication network and reduced fluctuation in transfer time (**Takeda: Column 4 lines [5-10]**).

27. **Regarding claim 10**, **Smith** in view of **Zonoun & Takeda** discloses everything in claim 9 as above, wherein the multimedia server is a session initiation protocol enabled server (**Smith: Fig 5: 61 & Fig 6 describes multimedia server is SIP enabled server**). This claim is rejected for the same motivation as claim 9.

28. **Regarding claim 11**, **Smith** in view of **Zonoun & Takeda** discloses everything in claim 9 as above, however **Smith** in view of **Zonoun & Takeda** fails to disclose multimedia server is an H.323 enabled server as cited above, **however** the examiner maintains that it was well known in the art to provide multimedia server is an H.323 enabled server, as taught by **Zonoun** (**Zonoun: page 8 lines [21-24]**).

29. **In** a similar field of endeavor **Zonoun** discloses a Sending an emergency indication over a packet based network. In addition, **Takeda** discloses multimedia server is an H.323 enabled

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server.

30. **Therefore**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Smith** in view of **Zonoun & Takeda** by specifically providing multimedia server is an H.323 enabled server, as taught by **Zonoun** for the purpose of providing mobile terminal equipment and a packet communication method between terminals realizing shortened transfer delay time of data packets on a mobile IP communication network (**Zonoun: Column 2 lines [1-6]**).

Response to Arguments

31. Applicant's arguments, see pages 1-5, filed 05/08/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-6, 8-15, & 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of **Zonoun**.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Munjal Patel whose telephone number is (571)270-5541. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rafael Perez-Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-7915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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